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SUBJ: 61ST ECOSOC: RESUMED SESSION ON OCTOBER 25

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1. SUMMARY: AT ITS RESUMED SESSION ON OCTOBER 25, THE 61ST ECOSOC TOOK NOTE OF AND TRANSMITTED TO THE 31ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE REPORT OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD ON ITS TENTH SESSION AND THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN PROGRAM. THE DECISION ON A RESUMED SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN WAS DEFERRED TO OCTOBER 27. END SUMMARY.

2. THE REPORT OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD ON THE WORK OF ITS TENTH SESSION (A/31/16) WAS INTRODUCED BY UNIDO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KHANE, WHO REVIEWED IN VERY GENERAL TERMS ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENTS IN UNIDO IN RESPONSE TO THE LIMA DECLARATION AND OTHER RELEVANT LEGISLATION. KHANE DESCRIBED UNIDO'S ACTION PROGRAM AS CON-

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SISTING OF (A) STUDIES AND ANALYSES TO PROVIDE AN INFORMATION

BASE FOR FUTURE ACTION AND FOR DECISION MAKING, (B) THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW SYSTEM OF CONSULTATIONS LEADING, HOPEFULLY, TO SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS, AND (C) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. AT THE SUGGESTION OF ECOSOC PRESIDENT AKE, THERE WAS NO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF THE IDB REPORT, AND IT WAS REFERRED WITHOUT COMMENT TO THE 31ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3. IN RESPONSE TO A SOVIET REQUEST, IT WAS DECIDED TO DEFER TO OCTOBER 27 ACTION ON THE ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT E/L1737. NEVERTHELESS, JAPAN AND FRANCE EXPRESSED THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED CONVENING OF A RESUMED SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN. G-77 REPRESENTATIVES (IRAN, BRAZIL, JORDAN, COLOMBIA, AND MEXICO) SUPPORTED BY DENMARK ARGUED STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF A RESUMED SESSION. (UK FLOATED IDEA OF DELAYING RESUMED SESSION UNTIL SPRING ECOSOC.) ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL SIPILA MADE A VERY STRONG APPEAL FOR THE RESUMED SESSION TO BE APPROVED ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE COMMISSION WAS ATTEMPTING TO CARRY OUT THE MANDATE GIVEN IT FOLLOWING A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND TO DRAFT A CONVENTION ON A TIMELY BASIS. THERE SEEMED TO BE A GENERAL PREFERENCE FOR HOLDING THE MEETING IN NEW YORK; HOWEVER, THE SECRETARIAT MADE CLEAR THAT FACILITIES IN NEW YORK WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR.

4. THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN PROGRAM (A/31/359) WAS NEITHER INTRODUCED NOR DISCUSSED. PRESIDENT AKE RECOMMENDED, AND THE SESSION AGREED, SIMPLY TO TRANSMIT THIS REPORT TO THE 31ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

5. THE NEXT SESSION OF THE RESUMED 61ST ECOSOC WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 27. THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE REGIONAL CO-OPERATION (LOCATION OF ECWA HEADQUARTERS), ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS (RESUMED SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN), AND THE SELECTION OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON CORRUPT PRACTICES.

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